

**Annual Report
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MODERATOR

W. H. EASTMAN

CLERK

GEO. A. CHANDLER

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

A. F. DAVENPORT H. W. BONNEY V. C. KEENE

OVERSEEERS OF POOR

A. F. DAVENPORT IDA BONNEY EDITH NEWELL

TREASURER OF MIN. AND MIN. FUND

CARL M. STEPHENS

TREASURER

CARL M. STEPHENS

COLLECTOR and CONSTABLE

WARREN E. LOTHROP

ROAD COMMISSIONER

E. S. BENSON

SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS

ELMER C. VINING

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

P. V. REDDING

NELLIE BARRETT

ROGER EASTMAN

BOARD OF HEALTH

L. E. NEWELL

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

H. W. BONNEY

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real estate, resident	\$186,385
Real estate, non resident	85,145
	\$271,530
Total real estate	
Personal estate, resident	\$95,225
Personal estate, non resident	11,310
	\$106,535
Grand total amount	\$378,065
Total value land	\$174,735
Total value buildings	96,795
	APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED
State aid highway	\$ 533 00
Breaking snow	1,500 00
Support of schools	2,700 00
Support of poor	400 00
Repairs of school houses	300 00
Text books	100 00
Tuition of high school pupils	700 00
Repair of roads and bridges	3,500 00
Town charges	1,000 00
State aid roads	500 00
Salary of superintendent of schools	250 00
Memorial services	50 00
	\$11,533 00
Appropriated	\$11,533 00
Overlay	332 80
State tax	\$2,368 42
County tax	690 25
	\$3,058 67
Supplementary tax	61 40
Total to be collected	\$14,985 87

No. of polls taxed, 186

No. of polls not taxed, 9

Amt. assessed on each poll, \$3.00

Rate of taxation, .038

Extract of assessors' report to the state assessors

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	248	\$92.30	\$22,890.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years	6	54.33	320.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years	5	72.00	360.00
Colts, under 2 years	6	55.83	335.00
Cows	503	38.27	19,250.00
Oxen	21	85.00	1,785.00
Three years old	125	32.20	4,150.00
Two years old	108	26.25	2,835.00
			\$51,925.00
Live stock			\$51,925 00

ALL OTHER KIND OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$ 9,300 00
Log and lumber	7,410 00
Pulp wood	1,400 00
Wood and bark	450 00
Automobiles, 70	18,725 00
Musical instruments, 16	1,900 00
Stumpage and bolts	8,900 00
Machinery	6,525 00
	\$54,610 00
Total amount of taxable personal estate	\$106,535 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One year old	133	\$15.71	\$2,090.00
Sheep	72	8.82	635.00
Swine	84	17.62	1,480.00
			<hr/> \$4,205.00
Total amount personal property			\$110,740.00

ROAD COMMISSIONS' REPORT

SNOW ORDERS, E. E. Cole, Commissioner

Elden Garey	\$ 2 64
Harlan Redding	11 00
J. W. Andrews	19 92
A. M. Garey	9 43
W. L. Hazelton	46 24
Chester Cole	8 50
Harry Pulsifer	45 00
E. E. Cole	52 62
G. B. Heath	20 00
H. T. Heath	32 25
Charles Barrows	20 50
Sam Neal	74 88
Carl H. Stevens	26 14
R. N. Stetson	10 50
J. B. Cutting	4 95
W. P. Cutting	32 45
Henry Billings	26 25
Alton Hadley	69 00
Otis Curtis	3 00
Jack Immonen	27 50
Geo. E. Redding	76 50
F. H. Gleason	7 26
F. H. Gleason	8 25
Ned Gleason	7 26

C. W. Starbird	46 05
H. W. Davenport	85 13
Emery Ryerson	11 60
W. E. Lothrop	16 25
Clayton Lothrop	13 25
M. C. Barrows	21 15
C. R. Hazelton	22 50
E. S. Tuell	4 62
G. F. Dyer	15 60
A. G. Farrar	11 10
John Thurlow	32 34
D. E. Jack	32 95
Roy Briggs	16 30
Walter Chandler	9 20
Horace Farrar	4 50
C. E. Hadley	22 35
A. S. Cushman	4 65

Total orders drawn by E. E. Cole \$1,011 58

SNOW ORDERS, E. S. Benson, Commissioner

Elden Garey	\$ 7 26
Arthur Bucknam	7 26
W. E. Tucker	9 58
A. M. Garey	6 30
Lionel Bowker	1 98
L. H. Poland	15 50
Cony Bonney	46 86
A. G. Cox	18 81
Max Bonney	13 20
I. W. Doten	4 95
C. K. Bonney	10 89
E. E. Newell	16 80
H. F. Varney	59 08
Donald Varney	7 26
E. S. Benson	44 88

P. A. Tucker	9 90
Corry Bonney	5 24
Augusta Viitala	21 12
Chas. Matta	80 86
S. G. Barrett & Son	21 45
Denis Parlin	46 10
J. P. Robinson	37 00
John Libby	10 00
E. E. Newell	6 68
O. L. Newell	17 82
G. H. Heath	9 24
H. G. Chesley	21 66
J. G. Gammon	18 00
L. J. Farrar	88 39
Emery Ryerson	6 70
G. H. Bradeen	42 50
P. S. Bradeen	50 52
A. M. Longel	18 15
E. S. Barrett	22 44
Ernest Farrar	5 94
A. F. Davenport	25 00
R. R. Palmer	4 00
H. L. Bisbee	22 00
W. H. Bonney	3 96
Paul Bonney	13 20
Antti Heikkinen	19 20
W. A. Crockett	30 00
E. E. Roberts	6 00
A. A. Robinson	6 00
H. G. Chesley	37 04
J. B. Cobb	5 28
F. M. Chandler	6 97
Henry McKeen	3 00
H. G. Chesley	12 00
Barlett Bros.	14 50
R. R. Palmer	12 00

C. G. Turner	5 16
Total orders drawn by E. S. Benson	\$1,035 63
Amount raised by Town	1,500 00
Unexpended (corrected from 1921)	436 08
Amount available	1,936 08
Amount Expended 1922	2,047 21
Overdrawn	\$111 13
SNOW ORDERS, 1923	
Paid H. T. Heath	\$ 55 00
Paid L. H. Poland	40 00
Paid V. G. Barrett	48 00
Paid E. E. Newell	53 22
Paid C. G. Turner	19 34
Paid Will Crockett	127 71
	\$343 27
No appropriation	
Total overdrawn	\$454 40

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT E. S. Benson, Commissioner	
Walter Bonney	\$ 48 00
Alton Andrews	30 25
H. F. Tibbitts	108 00
Owen Bonney	41 25
C. Bonney	66 00
E. S. Benson	100 00
J. B. Libby	35 00
G. H. Heath	104 00
Owen Bonney	20 62
Merlin Morrill	20 00
Walter Bonney	43 25
Alton Andrews	26 12
J. B. Libby	133 00
G. H. Heath	46 50

J. B. Libby	14 75
C. Bonney	64 50
Merlin Morrill	26 67
W. P. Cutting	8 50
C. R. Hazelton	43 50
H. W. Davenport	6 00
Arthur Farrar	2 75
Owen Bonney	50 12
Walter Bonney	39 00
Arthur Childs	25 00
J. B. Libby	91 00
C. Bonney	33 25
Henry Billings	78 00
Merlin Morrill	10 25
Alton Andrews	28 88
C. R. Hazelton	10 80
Arthur Cox	5 50
E. S. Benson	111 75
H. F. Tibbitts	145 00
Walter Bonney	19 00
Arthur Childs	12 00
G. H. Heath	24 00
S. G. Barrett	13 50
G. G. Heath	20 00
J. B. Libby	12 00
Walter Bonney	48 00
Arthur Childs	54 00
V. G. Barrett	40 00
E. S. Benson	91 00
Alton Andrews	29 32
A. F. Davenport	48 50
H. F. Tibbitts	63 00
H. F. Tibbitts	75 00
Arthur Childs	15 00
Merlin Morrill	9 00

J. F. Redding	28 00
Virgie Rowe	9 63
Raymond Rowe	9 63
G. G. Heath	52 00
Walter Bonney	24 00
Owen Bonney	13 50
C. R. Hazelton	5 70
E. S. Benson	49 50
Henry Billings	13 50
R. R. Palmer	2 00
H. L. Bisbee	7 00
G. H. Heath	29 00
J. C. Morrill	13 75
J. H. Morrill	5 00
V. G. Barrett	46 00
H. T. Heath	6 00
E. D. Robins	6 00
T. S. Gesner	13 10
Arthur Childs	15 00
W. F. Russell	38 75
Howard Parlin	13 75
M. C. Barrows	34 00
H. F. Tibbitts	50 00
D. E. Jack	27 30
E. S. Benson	35 00
George Goss	2 00
E. S. Benson	9 00
*H. Farrar	3 00
A. M. Longel	9 00
Matta Heikkinen	17 70
Augusta Viitala	28 20
R. N. Stetson	12 00
Merton Rowe	2 75
Jack Immoney	4 00
C. H. Stevens	25 00
Henry McKeen	3 95

A. F. Davenport	6 00
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\$2,960 24

MATERIALS

James Boyle, spikes	\$ 1 14
P. V. Redding, spikes and fuse	6 27
G. E. Redding, plank	54 25
Geo. Redding, plank	7 07
J. B. Ham, dym. and fuse	43 50
Winifred Robinson, split stone	5 00
Ella Chandler, plank	26 79
L H. Bisbee, stringers	2 00
H. W. Bonney, gravel	5 00
Earl Brown, plank	104 10

\$255 12

\$3,215 36

CUTTING BUSHES

J. C. Morrill	\$ 23 38
Howard Parlin	19 25
Arthur Childs	27 00
P. S. Bradeen	15 00
E. S. Benson	24 50
Arthur Childs	15 00
E. E. Roberts	5 00

\$129 13

Amount raised by Town	\$3,500 00
Overdrawn, corrected from 1921,	15 41
Deduct \$50.00 for 50-50 money	\$3,484 59
	50 00

Available	\$3,434.59
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Total orders drawn for 1922	3,344 51
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\$90 08

ORDERS OF 1919 AND 1921

L. L. Burnham	\$7 00
L. E. Newell	60
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	\$7 60
Unexpended	\$82 48
Expended on 50-50 money,	
J. B. Libby	\$56 00
E. S. Benson	5 75
Owen Bonney	13 75
Walter Bonney	8 00
Alton Andrews	8 25
E. S. Benson	8 25
Total	\$100 00
Taken from highway	\$50 00
Received from State	50 00

STATE AID ROAD

Raised by Town	\$533 00
Apportioned by State	445 18
Unexpended from 1921	17 63
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Amount available	\$995 81
Merlyn Morrill	\$24 00
H. L. Bisbee	7 50
Arthur Childs	48 00
Owen Bonney	42 00
Walter Bonney	57 00
J. C. Morrill	18 00
E. D. Robbins	37 50
J. H. Morrill	20 00
V. G. Barrett	90 00
G. H. Heath	84 00
H. T. Heath	21 00
H. F. Tibbetts	60 00

A. E. Small & Son	25 00
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	129 60
L. H. Bisbee	15 00
E. S. Benson	4 08
E. S. Benson	16 50
E. S. Benson	22 50
E. S. Benson	66 50
Ella Chandler	3 75
Cost of Inspection	17 50 Pd. by State
Total cost to town	\$809 43
Unexpended balance	\$186 38

SKILLINGS BRIDGE ACCOUNT

George E. Redding, Foreman

D. H. Robbins	\$23 94
Geo. E. Redding	94 00
John F. Redding	4 00
Harlan Redding	2 50
H. E. Rowe	6 00
Virgil Rowe	4 50
A. M. Gerry	30 00
M. M. Rowe	26 10
C. E. Irish	24 00
J. B. Ham Co., cement	61 10
C. A. Bonney	6 00
P. S. Bradeen	6 00
A. F. Davenport	6 00
Berlin Con. Co.	
Iron Bridge	282 00
Total	\$576 14
Total amount available from 1919, acct.	403 83
Overdrawn	\$172 31

THIRD CLASS ROAD

A. F. Davenport, Foreman

Appointed by State		\$1,137 26
P. N. Varney	\$20 33	
L. Dyer	26 33	
C. K. Bonney	32 33	
Harold Keene	27 00	
Fred Roy	27 00	
A. R. Morrill	54 00	
E. N. Ford	27 00	
P. L. Charles	64 66	
H. L. Bisbee	94 66	
Ned Gleason	41 33	
H. F. Gleason	30 00	
Harry Gleason	46 00	
Kenneth Gleason	47 33	
H. M. Turner	59 33	
Harry Gleason	6 00	
J. B. Ham Co.	6 49	
C. S. Thurlow	21 45	
A. F. Davenport	79 11	
C. A. Bonney	112 66	
Good roads machinery, culverts	121 00	
H. M. Turner	62 33	
Isaac Doten	36 00	
Tom Gesmer	4 50	
C. A. Bonney	82 70	
State inspection, paid by State	14 20	
Total cost of road		\$1,143 74
Overdrawn		6 48

PATROL MAINTENANCE

Raised by Town	\$500 00
Unexpended, 1921	14 77
Amount available	\$514 77
Taken from Town's money by State	483 60
Bal. in Treas. hand	\$31 17
Paid E. E. Newell	\$685 14
Paid A. F. Davenport, surfacing	325 60
Total paid out	\$1,010 74
Paid by Town	483 60
Paid by State	\$527 14

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Amount raised by Town	\$50 00
Paid A. B. Wheeler	50 00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount raised by Town	\$400 00
Balance from 1922	185 43
Amount available	\$585 43
Paid Mrs. W. W. Andrews, board and care of Flora Dunn from Feb. 1, 1922 to February 1, 1923.	\$365 00
Paid Town of Paris, Mae Cooper acct.	53 50
Total paid out	\$418 50
Unexpended	\$166 93

ACCOUNT OF A. VIITALA, STATE PAUPER

Conveyance and Hospital charges	
for Mrs. Viitala	\$88 00
James Boyle, for groceries	53 26
Paid Chas. Fuller for doing chores	52 50
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Total paid out	\$193 76
Due from State	\$141 26
Due from John Blanchard	52 50
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	\$193 76

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Amount unexpended from 1921	\$57 00
Paid W. H. Eastman	15 00
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Unexpended	\$42 00

TRUST FUNDS

Lydia Keene Trust Fund	\$100 00	Liberty Bond
Olive Heald Trust Fund	100 00	Liberty Bond
Louise Gurney Trust Fund	200 00	Liberty Bond
Rebecca Russell Trust Fund	100 00	Liberty Bond
Hezekiah Stetson Trust Fund	100 00	Liberty Bond
Rev. Allen and Sarah Barrows Tr. F.	100 00	Liberty Bond
Lucy Purkis Trust Fund	100 00	Liberty Bond

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

G. A. Chandler, reporting vital statistics	\$ 6 50
G. A. Chandler, express and postage	1 50
H. T. Heath, setting flag pole	4 00
W. H. Eastman, making deed	6 00
F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports	107 38
W. H. Eastman, moderator	3 00
Road machine	400 00

Adding machine	200 00
G. A. Chandler, use vestry	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	31 20
Augusta Eastman, printing	2 50
W. R. Glover, ballot clerk	2 00
J. B. Cobb, ballot clerk	2 00
R. N. Stetson, ballot clerk	2 00
E. S. Barrett, ballot clerk	2 00
E. A. Ryerson, ballot clerk	2 00
Roger Eastman, ballot clerk	2 00
W. R. Glover, ballot clerk	2 00
J. B. Cobb, ballot clerk	2 00
G. A. Chandler, use Vestry	3 00
L. E. Newell, fumigation of V. C. Barrett's house	10 00
H. Farrar, keeping tramps	2 00
H. W. Bonney, keeping tramps	2 00
V. C. Keene, keeping tramps	2 00
Summer Hill Cemetery Ass.	
Olive Heald, Trust Fund	4 25
Elmwood Cemetery Ass. Rebecca Russell and Lucy Purkis, Trust Fund	8 50
Black Mountain Cemetery Ass. Lydia Keene, Trust Fund	4 25
Summerfield Cemetery Ass., Louise Gurney, Trust Fund	8 50
W. H. Eastman, interest	
Hezekiah Stetson Trust Fund	4 25
Paid A. F. Davenport on the Viitala Acct.	16 00
Paid V. C. Keene, setting flag pole	2 00
Paid H. W. Bonney, exp. and supplies	1 55
Paid C. M. Stevens, road mach.	22 50
Paid A. F. Davenport, tel. and postage	12 00
Paid A. F. Davenport, exp. to Assessors' meeting	2 00
Sharon Robinson, Int. on Rev. Allen and Sarah Barrows Trust Fund	4 25
Total	\$890 43

TOWN OFFICERS' ACCOUNT

A. F. Davenport, Assessor and Overseer of Poor	\$200 00
H. W. Bonney, Selectman	125 00
V. C. Keene, Selectman	100 00
C. M. Stevens, Treasurer	100 00
Geo. A. Chandler, Clerk	9 00
L. E. Newell, Board of Health	5 00
H. W. Bonney, Sealer of Weights and Measures	6 50
P. V. Redding, School Member	6 50
W. E. Lothrop, Collector	100 00
Roger Eastman, School Board Com.	5 00
Nellie Barrett, School Board Com.	5 00
W. E. Lothrop, Constable	5 00
C. M. Stevens, Treas. Ministerial Fund	5 00
C. M. Stevens, Postage and Supplies	5 00
Total	\$677 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Mrs. Mary J. Pulsifer	\$13 30
Mrs. Rosetta Ryerson, error	26 60
W. L. Dyer, error	9 88
Wallace Hazelton, loss by fire	32 42
H. C. Benson, paid in Hartford	4 90

\$87 10

UNPAID TAXES

Ernest Buck	\$13 07
Ella Dunn	16 15
F. H. Gleason	3 00
Ned Gleason	3 00
John Hargis	3 00
O. M. Jones	8 13
John Libby	34 73
E. C. Mason	95
W. W. Mason	70

Asa Robinson	5 16
A. Viitala	10 90
Av L. Richards	11 40
Ekki Pulknim	24 85
Vernal Bates	22 80
Lowell Burnham	3 00
Total unpaid taxes	\$160 84
WATERING TUBS	
Paid C. A. Barrows	\$5 00
Paid E. S. Tirell	5 00
	\$10 00
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ACCOUNT	
Raised by Town	\$250 00
Overdrawn 1922	26 23
Amount available	\$223 77
Paid L. E. Cash	\$102 08
Paid Elmer C. Vining	142 82
Total paid out	\$244 90
Overdrawn	\$21 13
STANDING OF TOWN Resources	
Cash in Treasury	\$1501 32
Tax Deed Minnie F. Sewell, 1921	61 42
Tax Deed C. G. Morton	7 89
Tax Deed H. A. Carver, 1917	4 99
Tax Deed C. M. Bucknam, 1922	9 82
Tax Deed J. B. Libby, 1922	79 80
Tax Deed John Pulknim, 1922	22 80
Tax Deed David Zisknid, 1922	76 00
Due from State Pensions	36 00
Due from State Viitala account	141 26

Due from State for culverts	129 60
Due from State, cement and gravel	40 00
Due from John Blanchard Viitala acct.	52 50
Due from Collector, 1919	7 10
Due from Collector, 1920	124 62
Due from Collector, 1921	37 95
Due from Collector, 1922	160 84
One Protectograph	60 00
3 Plows	40 00
1 Set Blocks	4 00
Three Road Drags	10 00
One Stone Drag	5 00
Three Road Machines	600 00
One Adding Machine	200 00
Due from Buckfield School Acct.	53 32
 Total Resources	 <hr/>
	\$3,466 23
	 Liabilities
Note of L. H. Bisbee	\$100 00
Note of L. H. Bisbee	100 00
Note of Rumford Nat. Bank	2,000 00
Due H. L. Bisbee, Col., 1920	25 00
Due C. M. Stevens, 1921	25 00
Outstanding orders series 1922	45 00
Trust Fund Lucy Purkis	100 00
Trust Fund Rev. Allen and Sarah Barrows	100 00
 Total Liabilities	 <hr/>
	\$2,495 00
Balance in favor of town	\$971 23
Respectfully submitted,	
A. F. DAVENPORT	
H. W. BONNEY	
V. C. KEENE	
Selectmen of Sumner.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Cash on hand	\$1,605 60
from Woodstock	38 33
Interest on Bonds	25 50
State Treas. Pensions	72 00
State Treas. Domestic Animals	168 00
State Treas. Bank Stock Tax	3 03
State Treas. Highway Dept.	50 00
State Treas. Highway Dept.	1,123 06
State Treas. Supt. Schools	133 33
State Treas. Improved State Road	278 31
State Treas. Pensions	36 00
State Treas. School Fund	2,058 47
State Treas., R. R. Tax	26 63
D. A. Chandler Dog Tax	104 75
Sale of Townsend Lot	1,100 00
Interest School Fund	7 00
E. S. Benson Dynamite sold	75
Bank Loan	2,000 00
Collector 1921	72 87
W. E. Lothrop Coll.	14,737 93
	23,641 56

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Paid State Treasurer Dog Tax	\$104 75
Ada Murch Pension	72 00
Interest Bank Loan	117 17
L. H. Bisbee Interest	12 00
State Treasurer Petrol Road	483 60
State Treasurer Tax	2,368 42
County Tax	690 25
Town Orders	17,284 55
Bank Loan and interest	1,007 50

Cash on hand	1,501 32
	23,641 56

Respectfully submitted
CARL M. STEPHENS TREAS.

Approved Feb. 10 1923

A. F. DAVENPORT
H. W. BONNEY
V. C. KEEN

Selectmen
of
Sumner

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUNDS
MINISTER AND MINISTERIAL FUND.

Mechanics Savings Bank	\$4 00
Liberty Bonds	1,600 00
Telephone Stock	250 00 \$1,854 00

SCHOOL FUND

Mechanics Savings Bank	\$175 00
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MINISTER AND MINISTERIAL FUND

Carl M. Stephens Treas., in account with the Town of Sumner
Dr.

Interest and exchange	\$140 94
Paid Universalist Society	\$60 54
Congregationalist	40 33
1st. Baptist	14 37
2nd. Baptist	15 79
Free Baptist	33 47
Advent	6 64 \$140 94

Respectfully submitted,
CARL M. STEPHENS TREAS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.
To the School Board and Citizens of Sumner.

I herewith submit my first annual report of the school of this town for the municipal school year ending February 1, 1923.

On the whole we have been very fortunate in our teachers this year. At the present time all our teachers are residents of the town. I consider this to be an ideal condition of affairs. Every teacher has the best interests of the children and of the town deeply at heart and is working hard to obtain the best possible results. This is why I think that local teachers, all things being equal, are better than out-of-town teachers. They understand local conditions; they are working under the eyes of acquaintances and friends whose opinions they hold in respect; and they will do their best to gain the good report of those who are associated with them in town and community affairs. I doubt if any other town of this county, or of any other county of this state is able to recruit its teaching force within its own town limits.

Of our teachers three are normal graduates with long and successful teaching experience and work they are doing is of a high type. They have the training and experience and they are up to date in the best that modern pedagogy can offer. The other three teachers are young high school graduates who are doing their first work. With the necessary experience and training they will make first class teachers. Their work as beginners is generally good.

Our pupils have made progress under conditions that are not entirely ideal. In some of the schools there are so many grades that the teacher's time must be devoted almost entirely to hearing her daily recitation work. She has very little time to give to individual supervised study. In the case of young pupils a certain amount of supervised study is almost indispensable; but how can the teacher give the desired amount of individual attention when there are eight grades in her school? This is the case at East Sumner and at the Morrill school conditions are not much different. It is impossible to combine the different grades to any extent as in doing so you must advance some pupils and retard others and this is not good practice.

We are recommending \$700 for repairs for next year. Changes in the toilet arrangement at every school building must be made before Sept. 1, 1924, to meet the requirements of the new state law which goes into effect on that date. It is the opinion of your school committee that this remodeling be done at two of the buildings at least this year. In two instances where this work was done in this union the past year the expense in each case was approximately \$400. In each case however besides the remodeling of the toilets other general repairs were done on the buildings. The Sumner Hill building must have new underpinning; it will not stand much longer on the old foundation. We have an unexpended balance of \$150 in repairs account from last year and with \$700 raised this year we can do the necessary general repairs and remodel the toilets at two of the buildings.

Towards the latter part of the spring term I am going to give standardization tests in Reading and Arithmetic as to measure the work of the pupils in those subjects with standards obtained from other schools. The results will be open to the inspection of teachers, parents and pupils.

The following statistics are taken from the registers and the monthly reports of the teachers.

Registration, spring term, 1922,	110.
Average attendance, spring term, 1922,	89.28
Percentage attendance, spring term, 1922,	81.
Registration, fall term, 1922,	109.
Average attendance, fall term, 1922,	88.39
Percentage attendance, fall term, 1922,	81.

Grouping these statistics by schools we obtain the following table for the fall term, 1922.

School	Average Att.	Registration	Per. Att.
East Sumner	22.40	31	72
Sumner Hill	6.75	7	96
Morrill	20.78	25	83
West Sumner	20.	24	83
Pleasant Pond	13.46	16	84
Redding	5.	6	83

A glance at the above table will show that the percentage attendance in most of the schools is too low. True it is that there are contributing causes for some of this low attendance such as bed colds and in some instances, contagious diseases among the children and also the fact that, as cold weather comes on, some children who have not yet reached the compulsory school age remain away from school; yet making due allowance for all these causes the attendance still remains too low. You have a good system of schools in town with as good teachers as can be found in any rural community. School officials, teachers and parents ought to work closely together in their efforts to bring up this attendance to 90 per cent or more in all the schools.

The financial statement with which the report closes will cover a period of 30 school weeks. If however bills for the school year 1921-'22 were not paid until after the town books for that year were closed such bills will have to be included in this report as they are on my books. In such case this statement will show all bills for the school year 1922-'23 plus such unpaid bills as may not have been paid when the books for 1921-'22 were closed. Such bills, if any are found, will be indicated as such in this report.

COMMON SCHOOL ACC'T. RESOURCES.

Unexpended last year,	\$ 23 52
Raised by town,	2,700
From State of Maine.	1,691 80
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Total,	\$4,415 32

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers wages & board,	3,130 50
Conveyance,	1,380 50
Fuel,	90 50
Janitors,	57 90
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Total,	\$4,659 40
Overdraft this year,	244 08

WEEKLY WAGE OF TEACHERS AND AMOUNTS.

Spring term:

Schcol	Teacher	L'gth of term	W'kly w'g	Am't
East Sumner	Virgiana Conant	10	\$18	\$180
Sumner Hill	Edith Newell	10	13	130
Morill	Marion Cairnes	10	17	170
West Sumner	Alice Victory	10	10*	100
Pleasant Pond	Mary Bisbee	10	15	150
Redding	Harriet Libby	10	10*	100
Total				\$830

*Board for Misses Victory and Libby was paid by town. 130

Total for teachers' wages and board, spring term, 1922, \$960

Fall Term:

School	Teacher	L'gth of term	W'kly w'g	Am't
East Sumner	Mrs. R. Eastman	12	\$17 00	\$204 00
Sumner Hill	Laura Parlin	12	13 00	156 00
Morrill	Horace Cobb	12	16 00	192 00
West Sumner	Gladys Adams	12	17 00	204 00
P. Pond	Bertha Barrows	12	17 00	204 00
Redding	Annie Chandler	15	13 00	195 00
Total				\$1,155

Winter term:

School	Teacher	L'gth of term	W'kly w'g	Am't
East Sumner	Mrs. Roger Eastman	8	\$17 00	\$136 00
Sumner Hill	Laura Parlin	8	13 00	104 00
Morrill	Horace Cobb	8	16 00	128 00
West Sumner	Gladys Adams	4	17 00	68 00
P. Pond	Mary Bisbee	8	17 00	136 00
Redding	Annie Chandler	4	13 00	52 00

Total		\$624
Total teachers' wages & board for year 1922-'23,		\$2,739 00
'Total teachers' wages & board for year 1921-'22		
Paid this year.		391 50
Total wages & board paid,		\$3,130 50

FUEL ACC'T.

Harold Tucker,	\$1 00
Harris Tucker,	2 00
C. A. Bonney,	1 00
Tolman Bonney,	4 00
Max Bonney,	4 00
B. H. Bisbee,	20 00
Guy Barrows,	1 50
Earl Bonney,	2.50
E. S. Barrett	10 00
Dennis Parlin,	4 00
Eloise Davenport,	1 50
W. V. & G. E. Redding,	27 00
A. R. Morrill,	9 00
Howard Parlin,	2 00
Mrs. Ella Chandler,	1 00
Total,	\$90 50

JANITOR ACC'T.

Guy Barrows,	\$ 50
Alfred Johnson,	25
Robert McKeen,	2 00
Columbia Davenport	1 25
Clifford Abbott,	6 00
Aiden Redding,	5 10
Virginia Conant,	2 50
Marion Bradeen,	1 00
Harris Tucker,	1 50
David Adams,	1 00
David Adams,	1 75
Virginia Conant,	2 50
Columbia Davenport,	1 25
Robert McKeen,	35
Mary Bisbee,	90
Leavitt Robins,	2 50
Edith Newell,	2 50
Alice Victory,	75

Clifford Abbott,	3 00
Wallace Dyer,	4 80
Erlon Hammond,	3 00
Laura Parlin,	3 60
Gladys Adams,	1 50
Kenneth Pulsifer,	2 50
Olavi McKeen	1 50
Clifford Abbott,	2 40
Earl Bonney,	1 00
Erlon Hammond,	1 00

Total, \$57 90

CONVEYANCE ACCOUNT

Mrs. E. P. Bartlett	\$ 75 00
Mrs. W. Andrews	70 00
Lula E. Garry	90 00
Geo. E. Chandler	42 00
Carl E. Stevens	36 00
Eunice Andrews	21 00
Mrs. E. P. Bartlett	22 50
Carl H. Stevens	84 00
Emery Ryerson	81 50
Harold Tucker	34 00
Mrs. E. P. Bartlett	49 00
Mrs. Wm. Andrews	45 50
Carl H. Stevens	60 00
Lula E. Garey	60 00
Eunice Andrews	78 00
Mrs. E. P. Bartlett	84 00
Harold Tucker	120 00
Carl H. Stevens	132 00
Mrs. E. P. Bartlett	60 00
Eunice Andrews	56 00
E. C. Allen	80 00

Total \$1,380 50

Total Common School Expenditures \$4,659 40

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT

Expenditures

Hebron Academy	\$111 00
City of Auburn	230 00
Town of Canton	62 50
Town of Paris	80 00
Town of Buckfield	819 88
B. H. Thomas	10 00
<hr/> Total	\$1,313 38

HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCES

Raised by town	\$700 00
State of Maine	500 00
Unexpended last year	214 31
Rebate from Buckfield	53 32
<hr/> Total	\$1,467 63
<hr/> Unexpended	\$154 25

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Raised by town	\$100 00
Overdraft	33 25
<hr/> Total	\$133 25

Expenditures

Overdraft last year	\$32 83
Paid for books	100 42
<hr/> Total	\$133 25

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Raised by town	\$300 00
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Expenditures

B. H. Bisbee	\$7 50
Geo. H. Chandler	85
Blanche Bradeen	2 50
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	5 61
Carl Bonney	2 50
Mrs. Geo. Proctor	5 00
E. R. Stetson	4 46
Emery Ryerson	1 50
Mrs. Emery Ryerson	10 00
H. W. Bonney	6 30
P. V. Redding	27 88
Violet Cole	8 00
E. S. Barrett	1 75
Wilfred Heath	5 99
Laura Parlin	2 50
Denis Parlin	1 25
Harlan Redding	2 25
Emery Ryerson	2 10
Charles Hadley	1 00
J. B. Ham Co.	4 68
Overdraft last year	45 80
Unexpended this year	150 58
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Total	\$300 00

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Raised by town,	\$250 00
Overdraft	21 13

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Total	\$271 13

Expenditures

Overdraft last year	\$ 26 23
L. E. Cash	102 08
E. C. Vining	142 82
Total	\$271 13

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND OFFICE
EXPENSE ACCOUNT****Expenditures**

L. E. Cash	\$2 84
P. V. Redding	6 00
Roger Eastman	5 00
Nellie Barrett	5 00
Total	\$18 84

The school board recommend the following appropriations for schools:

Common Schools	\$2,700 00
High School Tuition	700 00
Repairs	700 00
Text Books	100 00
Supt. of Schools	250 00

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER C. VINING,
Supt. of Schools.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
MARRIAGES

1922

South Paris, Apr. 22, by Rev. C. G. Miller, Alton A. Andrews of Sumner and Marion E. Ames of Paris.

Sumner, May 3, by Rev. Wm. G. Berkeley, Olpha V. Varney and Alice L. Farrar, both of Sumner.

Gardiner, May 28, by Rev. Maurice R. Bailey, Alton C. Hadley and Dora R. Wing, both of Sumner.

West Paris, May 24, by Rev. H. F. Aldrich, Charles L. Hammond and Ida M. Forbes, both of Sumner.

South Paris, Nov. 22, by Rev. C. G. Miller, Nelson A. Tucker of Buckfield and Bertha R. Barrows of Sumner.

Buckfield, Nov. 18, by Rev. Frank P. Dresser, Harry B. Gleason of Sumner and Mattie Mae Chamberlain of Buckfield.

BIRTHS

1921

Nov. 22, To Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Palmer, a son, Richard Rockwood, Jr.

1922

Mar. 25, To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Adams, a son, George Franklin.

Nov. 27, To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keene, a daughter, Irma Arlene.

May 1, To Mr. and Mrs. Otis Curtis, a daughter, Colista Matilda.

May 14, To Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Crockett, a dau.

Oct. 3, To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Hazelton, a son, Glen Edwards.

Dec. 1, To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Welch, a son, Garfield.

Dec. 12, To Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Morrill, a daughter, Beatrice Marie.

Dec. 6, To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Immonen, a son, Vilho Edwin.

DEATHS

1922

- Feb. 13, George H. Barrows, age .81 yrs. 6 mo. 17 days.
Feb. 18, Albert F. DeCoster, age 50 yrs. 7 mo. 19 days.
May 9, Sylvanus A. Gerrish, age 1 yr. 5 mo. 2 days.
May 2, David R. Coles, age 85 yrs. 5 mo. 16 days.
May 26, Fred Stanton Palmer, age 60 yrs. 6 mo. 14 days.
Nov. 4, Solomon Francis Stetson, age 79 yrs. 6 mo. 27 days.

DEATHS REPORTED FROM OTHER TOWNS

- 1922, Jan. 25, Auburn, Velma E. Seaver, age 45 y. 11 m. 16 d.
1921, Dec. 21, Oxford, James M. Robinson, age 75 y. 2 m. 17 d.
1922, Jan. 2, So. Paris, H. A. Sturtevant, age 82 y. 10 m. 21 d.
1922, Jan. 30, Liv. Falls, Josephine M. Robinson, 35 y. 3 m. 9 d.
1922, Aug. 29, Norway, Sarah E. Bartlett, age 92 y. 8 m. 10 d.
1922, Nov. 9, Augusta, H. W. Davenport, age 50 y. 4 m. 18 d.

GEO. A. CHANDLER, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Sumner, Me., Feb. 10, 1923.

To Warren E. Lothrop, a constable of the town of Sumner,
in the county of Oxford.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Sumner, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the K. of P. Hall, East Sumner on the fifth day of March A. D. 1923 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the municipal officers for the year ending Feb. 10th, 1923.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of breaking snow, and how much.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money, as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, the poor, repairs of school-houses purchase of school books, tuition of high school pupils, repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the school committee to continue schools, when an average attendance of eight scholars have not been maintained for the past year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to en-

title the town to State aid as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1923.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above mentioned amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19, chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise money and what sum, for the maintenance of the state aid highways, during the ensuing year within the limits of the Town, under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to hire money if necessary, to defray Town charges during the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the salary of the superintendent of schools.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for cutting bushes.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to elect more than one road commissioner, and if so how many.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for memorial services.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will accept \$100.00 as a Trust Fund, from the estate of Mrs. Lydia Varney, int. to be expended on her two lots in Elmwood Cemetery.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to fix the old road

leading across from John Morrill's to Norman Bell's and raise money to defray the expenses.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will appoint a committee of three disinterested persons to revalue the real estate in Town and to raise money to pay for same.

Art. 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen will be in session at nine o'clock in the forenoon to revise the voting list at K. of P. Hall, East Sumner.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February A. D. 1923,

A. F. DAVENPORT,
H. W. BONNEY,
V. C. KEENE,

Selectmen of Sumner.

